



Hassan

PERSONA DESCRIPTION

Hassan, 50, male, married and partner also a doctor. Country of training – India. He completed training in cardiology in India and studies in Public health in Australia. He had applied for specialist recognition in cardiology but was deemed non-comparable. He currently works in a public health role at NSW Health in a large rural centre. His wife and children are living in Sydney. His wife struggled to find employment as a doctor – she also trained as a cardiologist. She applied for 100+ positions and is currently working in a weight loss clinic. She also ran into recency of practice issues and had to return to India to gain work experience because she could not secure employment. The long-term separation is putting a strain on the marriage and family life. Both Hassan and his wife are struggling with their mental health due to the immigration challenges and their identity of not being recognised in their trained medical specialty. They are on a working visa with lots of associated costs – schooling of children, healthcare, etc. They would like to see more opportunities for specialist recognition, better consideration of families and faster visa processing.

AGE	GENDER	RELATIONSHIP STATUS
50 Years of Age	Male	Married to a medical doctor

COUNTRY OF TRAINING

India

STAGE OF TRAINING

Cardiologist.

PATHWAY

SPECIALIST PATHWAY

MOTIVATIONS TO COME TO AUSTRALIA

Both Hassan and his wife were motivated to work in Australia as cardiologists and seek a better life.

AUSTRALIAN WORK LOCATION

He currently works in a public heath role at NSW Health in a large rural centre. His wife and children live in Sydney.

STRENGTHS

Brings strong clinical skills to his work in Public Health. Showed adaptability in his career and willingness to learn new skills.

CHALLENGES

Neither he nor his wife have been able to secure specialist recognition as cardiologists. They have lived separately which has put pressure on their relationship and family life. They are experiencing mental health issues because of the immigration challenges and to their identity of not being recognised in their trained medical speciality.

ASPIRATIONS

To live together as a family in a metro area and for both he and his wife to work as cardiologists.

ENABLERS

They would like to see more opportunities for specialist recognition, better consideration of families and faster visa processing.